Mr. N. Narayana Kurup : May I know from the honourable member whether there was any revision or retrenchment of pay by the Government at any time ?

Mr. S. Narayana Iyer : Yes.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup : May I know whether Mr. Thommen was not responsible for it ?

Mr. S. Narayana Iyer : Yes, Sir.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup : May I know whether his scheme was not called the 'Thommenisation' scheme ?

Mr. S. Narayana Iyer : I am not aware, Sir.

President : Order, Order. These are what may be called matters of historical importance. 'Thommenisation' is an exhumation of a pretty old carcase. (*Laughter.*)

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai (*Municipal Councils*) : May I know from the honourable member whether Government are aware of the fact that Municipalities are paying dearness allowance to their employees ?

Mr. S. Narayana Iyer : Yes, Sir.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai : May I know whether, in view of the fact that Municipalities are paying dearness allowance, the Government have considered the question of enhancing their grants to Municipalities ?

Mr. S. Narayana Iyer : The question will be considered when the Municipalities move Government in the matter.

Kaniyan Thodu.

4. ***Mr. M. Revi Varma Valia Raja** (*Edavagai*) : Will the Government be pleased to state when the question of opening the Kaniyan thodu (കണിയാൻ തോട്) in Vaikom Taluk first engaged the attention of Government. ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko : In 1934.

Kaniyan Thodu.

5. ***Mr. M. Revi Varma Valia Raja :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the length of the Kaniyan thodu :
(*b*) the estimate for the work ;
(*c*) the amount spent, if any ; and
(*d*) why the completion is delayed ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko : (*a*) 7900 Rft.
(*b*) Estimate sanctioned for Rs. 3,820.
(*c*) Nil.
(*d*) Owing to the non-assumption of the lands, work could not be started ?

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